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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

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EDINBURGH BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 8 months' notice 8% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% "
" 12 " 5% "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$800,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, VALUABLE WORKS ON CHINA AND JAPAN, WORKS IN LANGUAGES, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND GENERAL LITERATURE, &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from A. FALCONER, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his residence The Government Central School, Gough Street, on

SATURDAY,
the 3rd May, 1879, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Drawing-room Chairs, Tables, Couches, a Cottage Piano by Shroder, Mantel Piece Mirrors, Pictures, &c., &c. Dining Table and Chairs, Dinner Service for 18 persons, Handmade Dessert Service, Engraved Glassware, Blue and Gold Breakfast Service, Sideboard, What-not, &c., &c.

Iron Bedstead, with Mattresses and Pillows, Bed-room Chairs and Couches, Toilet Mahogany Wardrobe, Marble-top Dressing Table, Child's Iron Swing Cot, Sewing Machine and Table, &c., &c.

A Large Collection of Valuable and Rare BOOKS, as per Catalogues.

Lady's Chair, Telescope, Revolver and Holster, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1879. my3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,
the 5th day of May, 1879, at 11 A.M., At HER MAJESTY'S STORES, Queen's Road East,—

The following UNSERVICEABLE GOVERNMENT STORES.—Old Boats, Blankets, Brass, Canvas, Copper, Cordage, Rugs, Cast and wrought Iron, Leather, Cotton, Linen and Woolen Articles, Waterproof Sheets, Steel, Timber, Tin, Zinc, Casks, Packing Cases, Canteens, and various Miscellaneous Articles.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults and errors of description, to be at purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. MOORE, A.C.G.,
Com. Gen. of Ordnance, China.
Ordnance Office, Hongkong, April 25, 1879. my5

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STORE-KEEPER to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,
the 6th May, 1879, at Noon, at H.M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDRY Condemned NAVAL AND VICTUALLING STORES, comprising Old Iron, Boats and Hoses.

Flannel, Serge and Drill.

Sundry Provisions, Tobacco, Clothing, Implements, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879. my6

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782 with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Intimations.

ROSE & Co.,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD,

BEG to inform their numerous Patrons that they have received, Ex French and English Mails and other late Arrivals, their NEW GOODS for the Season.

CONSISTING OF:

The New "ETONA" CLOTHS, YOSEMITES, MUSLINS, GALATEAS, &c., &c., for LADIES' Dresses.

Also, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS, in all the Newest Shapes.

BOYS' SAILOR HATS, in the New Styles.

LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES, PEERLESS GLOSS.

A Good Selection of English and French FLOWERS and FEATHERS.

2-Button and 6-Button KID GLOVES, in sizes of 3 and 6 pairs.

COSTUMES and Paris MILLINERY, SUNSHADES.

COLLARS and SLEEVES, in the Newest Designs.

VALENCIENNES, BRUSSELS, TORCHON, and other LACES.

FICHUS, LACE SETS.

MUSLIN, LACE FRILLINGS, in great variety.

RIBBONS in all the New Shades, REVERSIBLES, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, CORSETS,

SKIRTS, UNDER-CLOTHING &c., &c.

GENTLEMEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, with and without Collars attached.

GENTLEMEN'S India GAUZE VESTS, in great variety.

GENTLEMEN'S Christy's STRAW and FELT HATS: Black and Coloured

SILK SOCKS, TIES, COLLARS, STUDS, BRACES, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

LINENS, SHEETING, CALICOES, DIAPERS, HOLLANDS, CRETONNES,

TABLE CLOTHS, MUSLIN and LACE CURTAINS, CURTAIN LOOPS, LACE CURTAINS by the Yard, 2 yards wide.

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

All Coast Orders Punctually Attended to.

ROSE & Co., 31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. my9

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, and of the Companys' Ordinance 1865, an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 6th day of May next, for the purpose of passing a special Resolution making certain alterations in the Articles of Association of the Company to the following effect, viz.:

1. That the General Managers, with the sanction of the Consulting Committee, in any year that the accounts of the Company shall render it desirable, may pay losses wholly or in part out of the excess of the Reserve Fund over and above \$250,000, in order that contributing and other Shareholders may not necessarily be deprived of Bonus and Dividend; such changes to take effect from the 1st January, 1878.

2. That the annual bonus payable to contributing Shareholders and the annual contribution to the reserve fund be left to the discretion of the General Managers and Consulting Committee, and that the sum to be annually appropriated to dividend be subject to the approval of the Company in Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby also given that a Second Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held, at the same hour and place, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of May next; for the purpose of confirming such special Resolution as aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of April, 1879.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 20, 1879. my20

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

49, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my20

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE AT Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my29

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my21

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Glenearn having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 o'clock, on MONDAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

Hongkong, April 26, 1879. my3

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"NAMOA,"
Capt. WESTBROOK, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 6th instant, at Day-light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, May 2, 1879. my6

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
"GORDON CASTLE,"
Captain WARING, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1879. my7

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Capt. CUTTER, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, May 2, 1879.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Hawke having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th May will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1879. my6

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Iphratis, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 1st May, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 7th May, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 30, 1879. my7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOIS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZI, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES:

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view of half-an-hour's duration with Sir Bartle Frere. His Excellency expressed his determination to persist in the policy which he had undertaken, and said he would speedily teach the Zulus who were the masters in South Africa. With the coming reinforcements he had no fear of the result, and once having crushed the Zulus he believed that a lasting peace would be secured to South Africa. At Mombasa, Mr Wakefield added, the people were in a state of intense excitement. Every means of defence had been used and the place was in a state of siege. The colonists placed little reliance in the military authorities and were in a bad state of fight at the prospect of an invasion. The feeling was general throughout the entire country and reinforcements were anxiously looked for.

A farmer who has been sixteen years in Zululand is also on board. He states that the colonists are abandoning their farms in all directions, and that no less than fifty or sixty families came round to the Cape with him in a steamer from the east coast.

The following telegram appears in the *Daily News* of March 28:

St. Petersburg, March 27, evening.

The *St. Petersburg Gazette* of this evening says it is informed on trustworthy authority that the Chinese Ambassador here has demanded, through the Asiatic Department of the Ministry, the restoration of Kuldja to China, on the ground of that country's ancient right of dominion over the Ili Valley—right which has not been destroyed by the illegal rule of the insurgents.

The department on its part awaits replies to the questions it has put to the Chinese Ambassador.

The *Globe* publishes intelligence from Orenburg stating that the Chinese in Aksu are reinforcing their position, with a view to making a demonstration against Kuldja.

A scientific expedition will proceed to Central Asia in the summer, under the leadership of the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch.

AMOY advice to the 29th April state that H. M. S. *Magpie*, Commander Napier, had left for Shanghai.—The Japanese corvette *Nisshin*, Commander Kasama, left for Hongkong on the 27th.—The Chinese men-of-war *Wang Nien Tsing* and *Che On*, left next morning for Tamsui. They will be back again in a few days with the troops for the Chuan-chiu garrison.—Mr Marshall, acting surveyor to the Legation and Consular Buildings, from Shanghai, arrived on the 28th, on his way to Tai-ao to inspect the new Consular building which is about to be completed.

HEDGE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 26th April, 1879:—

Arrivals During the Week.—April 22, Kwangtung, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—April 19, Queen of the West, for Shanghai; 19, Douglas, for Hongkong; 20, Tah Yew, for Shanghai; 20, Europe, for Shanghai; 22, Kerguelen, for Ningpo; 24, Kwangtung for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—April 3, Lulu; 13, Quickstep; 18, Sheldrake; 18, Hamburg; 18, Forward Ho.

The following paragraph as to the cable to the Cape is from the *Daily News* of the 28th March:

Preparations are going on most vigorously for despatching the vessels to the Cape with the cable, and in all probability the first vessel will leave early in the ensuing week. The cable will be laid in the line towards Mozambique from the first vessel, and the other ships will follow in rapid succession to complete the line to Aden. The estimated cost will be between 300,000 and 1,000,000. The subsidies of the Imperial Government, the Crown Agents, and the Portuguese Government will be such as to render it probable that the capital will be raised without difficulty; especially as the course selected for the cable is a coast line in shallow water, where the cost of maintenance will be of a minimum character. There are one or two minor points which remain to be settled between the Government and the contracting companies, but they are not of such importance as to affect the execution of the work.

The subjoined letter from Mr. A. M. Beethune, Secretary to the P. and O. Company, appears in *The Times*:—As the question asked by Mr. Baxter in the House of Commons regarding the non-employment of any of the P. and O. Company's steamers in transporting the forces now on their way to South Africa could only be replied to by Lord John Manners in very general terms, I crave permission, on behalf of the directors, to submit the following particulars:—1. That the company only tendered one mail steamer for the expedition from Bombay to Malta, that being the only vessel, which could be spared from the mail service at Bombay. This vessel, the *Bangalore*, was chartered, and carried General Ross and the Head-Quarter Staff. 2. That out of forty steamers which the company have actually in commission at the present moment, thirty-six are required to maintain the mail service between this country and the various ports in India, China, Japan, and Australia. 3. That the company did not tender any of their spare vessels for the expedition to Africa because, in the first place, the directors knew that the Admiralty would, in the present depressed state of trade, be able to charter an abundance of tonnage at very low rates; and in the second place, and more particularly, because the new mail contract which the company enter upon next year requires a higher speed and necessitates the re-boiling and general refit during the present year of a considerable number of steamers—an operation which will entail the full employment of the reserve ships.

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GENERAL GRANT IN HONGKONG.

This morning at eleven o'clock, General Grant attended at the United States Consulate and received a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen who were desirous of having the honour of being introduced to him. The Consul, Col. Moseby, and his clerk Mr Rickards, saw to the proper formal introduction of each presents, and everything passed over most successfully and quietly. The Consulate was adorned with flags. Outside were displayed the Stars and Stripes, and the Peruvian flag; and in the entrance hall were displayed the American flag and the Peruvian, with the Portuguese and Italian flags on either side of the doorway. The American Consulate is at the same time the Peruvian Consulate. Over the doorway leading to the reception chamber were the English and American flags. In the reception room, the Russian and German flags were hung. The reception did not last long, less than an hour being occupied altogether. The following is as complete a list as could be obtained of those who were present. If any names are unwittingly left out it is entirely the blame of those who failed to leave their cards:—G. Holcombe, Esq., *Chargé d'Affaires*, Peking; Bishop Raimond; Hon. Acting Justice Judge; J. J. Francis, Esq.; Hon. the Acting Attorney General, J. Russell, Esq.; Rev. Dr. Eitel, Inspector of Schools; Dr. Chalmers, Cantor; Judge Deny, U. S. Consul, Tientsin; Hon. W. Kewick; Hon. P. Ryrie; Dr. Lochhead; Commander Perkins, and H. D. McEwan, U. S. S. *Admiral*; W. Reiners, Russian Consul; A. G. Romano, Portuguese Consul; Dr. Wm. Eastlacke; Frank W. Eastlacke; E. Sharp; R. H. Sandeman; J. N. Jameson; W. H. Forbes; J. M. Forbes, Jr.; Geo. Murray Bain; R. Chatterton Wilcox; C. L. Gorham; A. F. Smith; H. H. Nelson; C. Vincent Smith; John Kyle; H. Dickie; L. Mallory; W. W. Battles; Geo. H. Wheeler; T. Thompson; H. M. Blanchard; W. Dolan; Commissary J. Macfarlane; F. D. Sasoon; C. O. Williams; Swatow; R. Deacon; W. H. Ray; W. Spratt; M. E. Manook; R. D. Mehta; F. Abella; A. Ahlmann; H. Hopplius; Albert Gutzow; Fred. Rickards; Capt. Hayden (*Sea Gull*); Mr. Reiner (*Sea Gull*); Capt. Brothurst (*Corran*); Capt. Means, Mrs. Means and family; Capt. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, and family; Capt. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes; Capt. Call and Mrs. Call; Capt. Evans; Capt. Lunt; Capt. Hutchinson; Capt. Olough; Capt. Lewis; Capt. Tapley; Capt. Mansen; Capt. Smith; Capt. Wass; Capt. Windsor; and the following Chinese:—Leung On; Wong Yik Pan; Tang Kau; Tam King; Fung Tang; Chum Poh Yeong; Chu Siu; Fung Ming Shan; Lee Pui Chi; Yu Chong; General Grant, his son Lieut.-Col. Grant, and Mr. Russell J. Young, who accompanied him, after the reception proceeded to Government House to dinner, and spent most of the afternoon there. During the afternoon Messrs. Roberts and Shorter, the billiard players, had the honour of playing at Government House, before His Excellency and General Grant, the ladies, and the other members of the party. The Governor and General Grant drove round the town in the course of the afternoon. To-night, a dinner will take place at Government House, when about twenty guests will be present. Mr. and Mr. Robert Hart, who proceed to Shanghai to-day by the French steamer, were among the guests at Government House last night. To-morrow night State Dinner will be given, when about forty guests will be present, all official guests appearing in full uniform. The Band will be in attendance, and a reception will be held from 10 till 12; when the brilliant lighting up of Government House Gardens will add additional beauty and attraction to this evening's entertainment. Half way up the hill, in Wyndham Street, a capital transparency portrait of General Grant, with on the other side the British and American flags, has been exposed every night, lighted up brilliantly, and has attracted much attention. The lamp is shown over the house of Mr. Moore, an American.

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(*Siam Weekly Advertiser*, April 19.)

The great event of the week has been the arrival of this distinguished American...

Gen. Grant is the guest of the Siamese Government, and is now the occupant of the beautiful palace Wang Sarabrom.

The steamer *Kongsee* unfortunately was left on a mud bank, and thus detained Gen. Grant and party many hours.

Col. D. B. Sickels, the energetic and indefatigable United States Consul, was on board of the Siamese Government Yacht the *Rising Sun*, with prominent officials, waiting eagerly to welcome the expected party and expedite their arrival at Bangkok. The British steamer *Ban Yung Neng* was having arrived and shortly to meet them.

The U. S. Consul and Siamese officials in charge of the *Rising Sun*, did their very best and succeeded in reaching the *Kongsee* on Sunday, and without delay brought the party up to Bangkok in spite of the drenching rain, and conveyed them to the *Tang Prat*, where a large company of Siamese officials and others, and a guard of honor, were in attendance to receive and honor them. A salute of 21 guns announced to the population of the city that America's distinguished General and Ex-President had arrived and was being honored as the Government's guest.

Royal carriages were waiting, and after the salute, the party were conveyed to the beautiful and spacious palace Sarabrom, the residence of H. R. H. Somdet Chawka Banurangsee Sawang Wong, the full younger brother of H. M. the King. No other foreign guest has been thus highly honored. Ex-President Grant was assigned to this palace, so that it would be possible for H. M. personally to visit his distinguished guests without violating the rules of Siamese Royal etiquette.

The Siamese Government selected Gen. Grant and party to remain eight days, and prepared a well devised programme for that time. The excessive rains, and the manifest desire of the ex-president to give himself and party ample time to visit China and Japan, and show to the fullest extent his high appreciation of their kind invitation and extensive preparations for his visit, necessitated a shorter stay in Bangkok than the Siamese hoped, compelled changes of the programme, and the ex-President was forced to forego many of the well-meant, and highly appreciated attentions of the Siamese Government.

Monday, April 14th.—In the morning the party visited His Grace, the ex-Regent. In the afternoon Their Majesties the First and Second Kings. In the evening they dined with H. E. the Foreign Minister. The principal American residents and many Siamese noblemen were honored with invitations.

Tuesday, April 15th.—In the morning the party were escorted to visit the Siamese temples Wat Pho, Wat Pra-kaw and the museum. The former is magnificent temple containing the largest image of Buddha in a reclining posture, and the next is the rich Royal chapel; containing the costly and renowned emerald idol. Next the party called on H. R. H. Prince Somdet Chow Fah Mahah Maha, the uncle of H. M. the King; and witnessed a review of the war elephants and met H. M., after which they tookiffin with H. R. H. Prince Somdet Chow Fah Banurangsee Sawang Wong, the youngest full brother of H. M. the King.

Tuesday afternoon H. M. returned Gen. Grant's visit, at the Palace Sarabrom.

In the evening, a numerous assembly gathered at the splendid palace to meet and honor the nation's guests, and was honored in return by the privilege of meeting so distinguished a personage. There was grand reception, where many of the princes, nobles and foreign residents, including nearly all the Americans, were present.

The first dance, Mrs. ex-President Grant was the partner of H. R. H. Somdet Chawka Banurangsee Sawang Wong, the full youngest brother of H. M. Mrs. Alabaster was the partner of Prince Pra-ong Sitwat, Mrs. U. S. Vice Consul Torrey was the partner of Pra Anara Wisal Sudarat, one of the sons of H. E. the Prime Minister, and Miss Studer, daughter of Major Studer, U. S. Consul Singapore, was the partner of Nai Sutthi, one of the sons of H. E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs. A number of other ladies with European residents for partners took part in the opening dance. There were a large variety of native bands, with European and native musical instruments, in which native men and pretty native women were performers. In an adjoining building was Siamese theatrical performance, popularly known as a Lak'ham. On ceremonious occasions like the present, the performers are pretty girls, in pretty and costly array, with gold ornaments sparkling with brilliants. The popularity of style, dress, and the indescribable and graceful movements afford pleasure and entertainment to a stranger. The merriment of the performers, the grating music of the Lak'ham and the sameness of the chaste movements of elegantly dressed, pretty Siamese girls soon satisfies the curiosity of those who are accustomed to endless variety.

The General dined with the King Wednesday evening. In addition to the General's party, the U. S. Consul, U. S. Vice Consul, Mrs. Torrey and Miss Studer, the prince of the Blood, the Foreign Minister and a few of the principal officers of the household constituted the company. After the dessert was placed upon the table H. M. rose, called upon the guests to fill up their glasses and in an impressive and elegant speech proposed the health of the President of the U. S., coupling with it that of his distinguished guest. H. M. referred to the pleasant feeling at present existing between Siam and the U. S. and hoped it might, as he had every reason to believe, it would, be continued. At the conclusion of H. M.'s remarks the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. General Grant replied in a brief but forcible manner. His remarks were listened to with great attention and were much applauded.

On Thursday the General went to Bangkok in H. M.'s Yacht, the *Veschi*, returning on Friday, and closed his visit to Siam by meeting the American citizens in the U. S. Consulate at a Tiffin yesterday at 2 o'clock, and left for Singapore in the steamer *Bangkok* in the evening. The speeches, toasts, sentiments and other detail must be postponed till next week.

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Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Thursday, 1st May.

Henry Dennison, gunner Royal Artillery, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in a brothel. He admitted the offence, saying that he must have been very drunk to get into the hands of the Police. Fined \$1.

John Moore, a coal trimmer, British steamer *Hankow*, was fined \$1, and ordered to pay ten cent chair hire, for being drunk and incapable.

Thomas Hackott, a fireman, British steamer *Hankow*, was charged with stealing a gold coin, the property of a money-changer, named Tung A Tao.

From the complainant's statement it appeared that defendant went up to the stall and asked how many Japanese cent pieces he could get for a dollar. Complainant said eleven; defendant then asked if he had any gold coins, and complainant said he had, at the same time producing a sovereign, valued at \$5.50. Defendant picked it up and saying "ohh ohh" walked away very fast with the coin in his hand. He was stopped by a constable, taken to the Police Station, and there searched. The sovereign was found on him.

Complainant said he only had the one sovereign in his stall; there was about \$100 altogether in his stall, but this amount was principally in silver.

In reply to the defendant, complainant said that there was another man with him who also asked about Japanese coins. You walked pretty fast when I accused you of stealing the sovereign.

Sergeant Bremer proved seeing the sovereign taken from the defendant's pocket. Defendant denied the charge, saying that the sovereign found on him was one of those he brought from England. He said he never spoke to the money-changer until given into custody. A quarter master of the *Hankow* was with him, and it was he who was principally in silver.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A N EIGHTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 3rd April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 9th April, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & CO.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, April 1, 1879. my3

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholder Capital, payable at the Office of the Secretaries on the 28th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st Instant.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & CO.,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, 18th April, 1879. my3

To Let.

TO LET—AT WANCHAI.

FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS.

For further Particulars, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, April 24, 1879. my3

TO LET.

OFFICES, GODOWNS, and
GOODS STORED.

Apply to
PUSTAU & CO.,
Praya, Pottinger Street.

Hongkong, April 30, 1879. my3

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS.

Goods of every description Landed and
Stored.

For terms, apply to
LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, April 4, 1879. my3

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, ZETLAND STREET.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1879.

TO LET.

ROSE VILLAS,

BONHAM ROAD,
WITH Large TENNIS LAWN.

Apply to
SHARP & DANBY,
No. 6, Queen's Road Central,
Late Messrs E. D. SASSOON & CO.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

NOS. 10 & 12, LYNTHURST TERRACE,
at present occupied by Messrs NELSON & CO.

Apply to
LINSTEAD & CO.

Hongkong, April 24, 1879.

TO LET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.

Hongkong, April 8, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central,
Possession 1st March next.

Apply to
LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situated on Praya East.

FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2, 3 and 4,
Praya East, with immediate possession.

As also

LAST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65, and BASEMENT NO. 2.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Routed.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-

DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 55,
Praya Central.

Apply to
WO HANG,

No. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Mails.



Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% off the Premium.

NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurance as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an Immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong, for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Goods on board Vessels, and on Hulls of

Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be resolved, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

INSURANCES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have

This Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant

INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current

Rates to all parts of the World.

BOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1870.

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WO HANG,

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Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commanding at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the Harbour are marked *e*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.

3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

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